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Premier Brian Pallister is just the second Manitoba premier to attend Pride. SHANNON VAN RAES/FOR METRO

Pallister shows Pride

LGBTQ ISSUES

Organizers are 'extremely happy' with his appearance

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

Manitoba Premier Brian Pallister kept his word he would attend this year's Pride parade, even taking a turn to speak at a rally before the annual march, making him the second Manitoba premier to do so.

"We're extremely happy the premier spoke at the Pride rally," said Jeff Myall, public relations director of Pride Winnipeg.

Given the premier's role as representative of the province, he said it is important that whoever is in office shows support for all residents, including those who identify as LGBTQ.

Unlike former premier Greg Selinger and Mayor Brian Bowman, Pallister did not actually walk in the parade, according to attendees.

Nevertheless, his absence is not perceived as an insult to organizers, said Myall, especially since the provincial PC caucus did partake in the march.

Myall said Pallister's words at the rally were received "very positively."

His attendance also reflects what Myall characterizes as a change in attitude in both provincial and federal Tory parties to be more inclusive of the LGBTQ community.

Whether or not the new premier will mark Pride on his annual to-do list during his time in office is still up in the air.

"Premier Pallister receives dozens of requests to attend events every weekend. His schedule is constantly changing and evolving, thus we can't possibility commit to something a year in advance," wrote press secretary Olivia Billson in an email.

Of all the beverage containers that weren't recycled, how many were yours?

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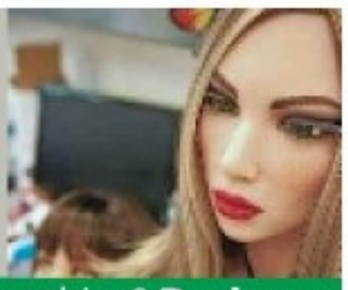


Sex, love and robots — but what about the ethics? **Business**

COLLISION

Family identifies 2nd victim in deadly crash

Family and friends are mourning the death of a 25-year-old man who was the second to die following a serious crash in Tuxedo last week.

Police said over the weekend, a 25-year-old male driver of a black truck that was found smashed into a building in the early hours of May 29 died of his injuries.

While police did not release his name, friends and family identified him as Winnipeg's Jordan Allarie.

Allarie had spent his last days being treated in an intensive care unit at the Health Sciences Centre, but the extent of his injuries were too great, resulting in the decision to remove him from life support, according to a Facebook post attributed to one of Allarie's parents.

"We finally had to make the hardest decision that a parent ever had to make," a post by Danny Allarie reads. "I love you so much my Jordy and I will miss you."

A GoFundMe campaign has been set up to raise money for the Allarie family.

Last week, police reported a 25-year-old male passenger, whom friends identified as Cody Galbraith, also died from the crash.

Police said first responders were called to a scene on Corydon Avenue near Edgeland Boulevard last Sunday around 1:20 a.m., where they found a Ford F150 travelling east on Corydon had slammed into a building.

The driver appeared to have lost control of the vehicle, smashing into several objects, including an apartment complex.

Speed is considered as a factor in the crash. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

Jordan Allarie, left, and Cody Galbraith FACEBOOK

IN BRIEF

Teens charged in assault

Two teens have been charged with aggravated assault and weapons possession after a woman was stabbed over the weekend.

Shaquill Houle now faces charges of aggravated assault and possession of a weapon. Harrison Beaulieu also face one charge of aggravated assault.

The charges have been proven in court. METRO

Malala uniform enshrined

When young Pakistani education advocate Malala Yousafazai was 15 years old, she was shot by a Taliban gunman. The bullet went through her head, neck, and shoulder, and nearly killed her. The blood-stained school uniform she wore that fateful day — a piece of modern history — is now on display at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

Portage & Main hoped to be open for Games

INFRASTRUCTURE

Intersection gave visiting mayors trouble: Bowman

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

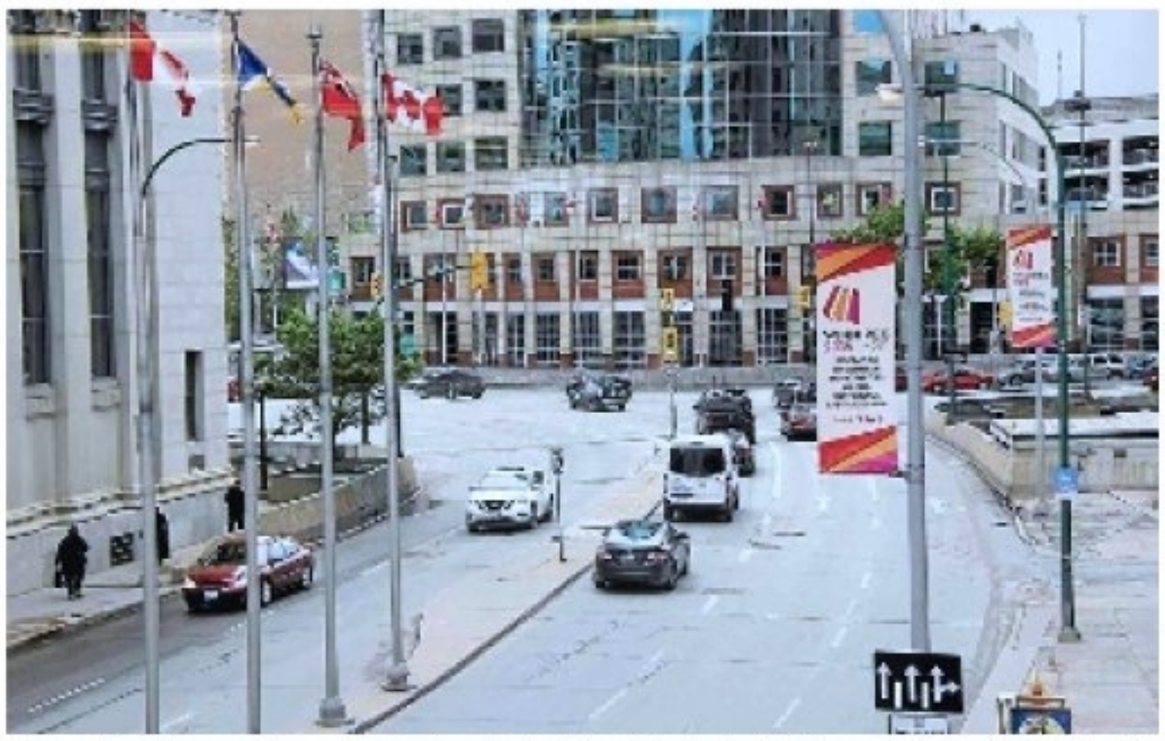
Mayor Brian Bowman has set his sights on next summer for when Winnipeg locals and visitors alike could be able to cross Portage and Main.

A number of visiting mayors from cities across Canada were some of the latest to shake their heads, even lose their ways, trying to navigate around the barricaded intersection, Bowman told reporters recently.

He said he hopes the intersection can be open before our city plays host the 2017 Canada Summer Games, scheduled for next July 28 to Aug. 13.

"Next time we have so many people here for such a huge event, it'd be great for them to be able to cross (Portage and Main)," explained Bowman.

"We've got a lot of work to do in the meantime."



Mayor Brian Bowman hopes the barricades that have blocked off Portage and Main for nearly 40 years will be torn day, with the intersection ready to cross by the 2017 Canada Summer Games. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

> **You heard from Calgary Mayor Nenshi the other day he feels it's the most hostile pedestrian intersection in Canada.** Brian Bowman

Bowman said he's heard numerous stories and seen social media reaction about the intersection over the past few days from various attendees who are in town for a conference hosted by Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Big City Mayors' Caucus meeting at the RBC Convention Centre.

"You heard from (Calgary) Mayor Nenshi the other day he feels it's the most hostile pedestrian intersection in Canada," he said of Portage and Main, adding Calgary's mayor found himself "1,000 per cent lost," trying to use the underground tunnels.

"We can do a lot more with Canada's most iconic intersection," said Bowman.

The corners of Portage and Main have been closed to pedestrians for almost 40 years following the signing of a deal between several of the site's property owners and the city.

That agreement is set to expire in 2019.

City officials have said previously they plan to consult with the various owners on the possibility of reopening the intersection, meanwhile a consultant is preparing a report on traffic signal options if foot traffic were reintroduced.

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Pot crackdown steadfast in 'Peg

While dispensaries are shuttered by police elsewhere, they failed to launch in Winnipeg, where grow operations still predominate the weed scene and remain the police service's primary concern.

Braeden Jones
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While marijuana dispensaries proliferate and engage in a game of legally-grey chicken with authorities in some Canadian cities, Winnipeg police say the same simply isn't happening locally.

"There are a few people that have tried to open up and we enforced the laws as we know them right away," said Winnipeg Police Service Grow Operations Unit member Sgt. Carrol MacDonald.

"To my knowledge there has only been a handful. It's not as bad as Toronto or Vancouver."

'Look what happened'

MacDonald said police saw one officially open, but shut it down right away.

The city's first above-ground dispensary, Your Medical Cannabis Headquarters, sold cannabis medicine for under two weeks before it was raided on Aug. 4, 2015.

"You can't just go there and knock on the door and go, 'I'd like to buy a gram please.'" - Sgt. Carrol MacDonald on the city's sole legal grow-op

That was before Justin Trudeau became prime minister, but during one of his campaign stops here en route to gaining that office, the Liberal leader enthusiastically endorsed the shop.

"I was a political pawn," said former store owner Glenn Price. "When he was in Winnipeg he backed my store … then they raided me."

Price is still waiting on court dates for charges pending from that investigation.

Because he was first to attempt to operate a dispensary openly, the publicized raid on his shop sent a message around the city that anyone doing so underground should stay underground.

"I was the only one in Winnipeg with enough stones to come out and make this happen … and look what happened," Price said.

MacDonald said police have learned "there may be one more (dispensary) surfacing," but it's under investigation and would not provide further comment.

"Other than that, if there are any, we're unaware of them," she said.

In Toronto and Vancouver, as well as in Price's former store, vaporizers, glass paraphernalia and other pot-related products are often sold in addition to, or before opening, the dispensary side of the business.

MacDonald said police don't go into stores operating legal businesses unless they are informed of illegal activity. In May, city council decided to wait until the federal legalization plan is rolled out before exploring how dispensaries could be regulated in Winnipeg.

One legal business

There's nothing ambiguous around the rules of marijuana production, despite the federal government's intentions to legalize, explained MacDonald.

"It's either regulated or illegal, and there's only one legal (grow operation) in Winnipeg," she said.

That legal grow, Delta 9 Biotech, is a Health Canada-regulated licensed producer of medical cannabis products.

People who have medical marijuana licences can access medicine from Delta 9 by mail only.

"You can't just go there and knock on the door and go, 'I'd like to buy a gram please,'" MacDonald said.

Health benefits of homegrown pot disputed

In the past five years, the total value of the plants, product, grow equipment and cash seized from grow-ops in Winnipeg is $56,243,128.

MacDonald said that's a hit to organized crime, and would have otherwise supported criminal activity related to the sex trade, guns and moving other illegal drugs.

"There's not a gram of the stuff that we take down that was going for medical use," she said.

The biggest cost, she added, is still the health detriment of illegally produced cannabis on the user.

Marijuana taken from 15 different independent grow operations was submitted to a lab for testing and came back "unfit for human consumption," with mould, bacteria, E. coli, salmonella, heavy metals and other toxins.

"It's (supposed) to be helping them, but it's hurting them, and that's what the community needs to understand," MacDonald said, adding she does not disagree medical marijuana helps people with certain ailments.

"I fully believe that's the case, but if they're growing it in their own basement in contaminated soil, this is the stuff they're ingesting.… It's hurting them more than it is helping them, and that's the big misconception."

The future of marijuana in Winnipeg

Her concern for post-legalization is that, depending on how the feds decide to regulate the production and sale, it won't stop illegal grow-ops, and even legal ones will push boundaries.

"I don't think it's going to put organized crime out of business; there's too much money to be made," she said.

And as for the possible new legal grows? "Give them an inch and they'll take a mile."

MacDonald would rather see licences restricted to producers like Delta 9, but Price said with both the production and sale, he hopes "it's going to be mom and pop shops able to compete with whoever gets into the business."

Either way, MacDonald said it has to be tightly controlled, citing the lack of adequate police resources to properly monitor the industry.

The total value of the plants, product, grow equipment and cash seized from grow-ops in Winnipeg over the past five years

$56,243,128

The number of independent grow-ops from which marijuana was submitted to a lab and found 'unfit for human consumption'
15

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Parade participants took a moment to show off their fabulousness.

TAKING PRIDE

Hundreds of people spent part of their sunny Sunday afternoon watching the 2016 edition of the annual Winnipeg Pride parade, which kicked off with a rally on the steps of the Manitoba Legislature. The parade ended with an outdoor celebration at The Forks, marking the end of this year's Pride festival, which ran from May 27 to Sunday. PHOTOS: **SHANNON VAN RAES/FOR METRO**

The event kicked off with a rally at the Manitoba Legislature.

Dozens waved the rainbow Pride flag during Sunday's parade.

Participants waved and cheered from parade floats.

Part of the fun at Pride is wearing costumes and checking them out on others.

LBGT-positive messages were everywhere Sunday.

Deputy Chief Art Stannard will be acting police boss after Devon Clunis retires in July, and before someone new is appointed in November. BRAEDEN JONES/ FOR METRO

Police look at diverting calls

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Spike in 911 use, long wait times prompt special report

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

A special report is due to be delivered to the city's police board, detailing how non-emergency, non-criminal calls can be diverted from the Winnipeg Police Service.

The move comes after police reported a recent spike in 911 calls over the past few weeks, which has led to longer wait times.

Retiring police chief Devon Clunis told Friday's meeting of the police board that officers have managed to respond to critical calls within a good amount of time, despite the uptick in service requests.

Officers have, however, encountered setbacks when dealing with less urgent calls, he said.

The board heard that work is currently underway to collaborate with partners, such as the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, to better triage non-criminal calls to more specialized organizations.

Chairman Coun. Scott Gillingham (St. James-Brooklands) said many of the calls received by the police service are not crime related.

"Every call has an implication on resources," Gillingham told reporters afterwards.

"It's important to be able to identify which of the agencies is best positioned, best resourced, to respond to those calls for service."

He used the example of police often having to be the de facto responders to mental health issues.

"If you have a 911 call for someone who's having a mental health crisis, and it's a Friday night at 11 o'clock, it's the Winnipeg Police Service that is the agency open because a lot of those dealing with mental health folks on the front line, perhaps their offices are closed at 5 o'clock," Gillingham explained.

Clunis would not provide details as to what is contained in the report, which will be circulated to board members in the coming weeks.

"The entire community has to come together," he said of trying to reduce call volumes.

"We have to start dealing with some of these deep, long-standing systemic issues, and do it in a very collective way."

Board picks interim boss

An interim chief has been chosen for the Winnipeg Police Service.

Deputy chief of police Art Stannard will play the city's acting police boss after current chief Devon Clunis retires in July, and someone new is appointed by November.

Coun. Scott Gillingham, chairman of the city's police board, which has appointed itself to recruit a new police chief, said Friday that finding Clunis' replacement is still on track to be complete by late fall.

Friday was Clunis' last appearance at a police board meeting, so members showered him with gratitude for his time in the service, at one point calling him Superman.

His last day is July 9.

Clunis express confidence in the direction of the police service multiple times, and said he has been considering retirement since last May.

Although a nationwide search is underway to find his successor, Clunis previously told reporters that he recommends the board promote from within the service's ranks, rather than hire an outsider.

ANIMAL BYLAWS

Protesters call on city to end pit bull ban

Dozens of residents who believe it's time the City of Winnipeg repeal its ban on pit bulls have taken their fight to city hall.

A crowd of around 50 people gathered in the courtyard recently, wearing T-shirts emblazoned with images decrying the current breed-specific legislation, which prohibits owning dogs that have the resemblance or characteristics of American pit bull terriers, American Staffordshire terriers and Staffordshire bull terriers.

Numerous people spoke at the rally, sharing positive personal stories about the dogs, which are often perceived as dangerous.

"People are being forced out of their homes, forced out of the city simply because they own a quote-unquote vicious dog," organizer Josh Muyal told reporters. "We don't think this is fair."

Muyal is proposing to abolish the current ban, introduced in 1990 following several incidents of the dogs biting people, and include pit bull breeds under a bylaw dealing with how dangerous dogs are licensed.

"A dangerous dog law would state that any dog, whether it be a pit bull, a chihuahua, a shih-tzu, would need a specific licence if it was considered a threat to the city. If it had bit somebody," he said. "Any dog can be vicious."

Muyal said a petition has been started to abolish the ban, and hopes his group can arrange a sitdown with Mayor Brian Bowman and officials from the city's animal services agency.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

Citizens recently gathered at city hall. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/ METRO

Getting votes for assisted dying bill

POLITICS

PM lets caucus vote according to conscience on controversy

Doug Eyolfson did not love the physician-assisted dying bill at first, but he ended up supporting it.

The Winnipeg emergency room doctor and Liberal MP was concerned the Trudeau government's proposed legislation would not allow patients to decide in advance that they would like to end their lives with the help of a physician once they reached a certain point.

"It's something that I would personally want for myself and something I would like to see, at some point, provided to patients as an option," Eyolfson said.

The deeply personal played a major role in the decisions of individual Liberals when it came to their votes on Bill C-14, the federal government's response to the Supreme Court ruling that did away with the ban on physician-assisted suicide.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau kept his promise to give his caucus a free vote on this matter of conscience, while ensuring his Liberal government avoided embarrassment on a major piece of legislation which could end up being a part of its legacy.

The political victory could be short-lived, as C-14 is getting a serious grilling in the far-less-predictable Senate, but the moves to quell opposition debate in the House of Commons and the lengthy discussions with caucus offer a glimpse at how the government will handle other thorny issues it will face during its mandate.

A senior government source acknowledged that the key was to help those in caucus who felt the bill did not go far enough to understand that the cabinet took a cautious approach, because it would be easier to expand a program later than to restrict one that was seen to have gone too far.

There were late-night information sessions, one-on-one conversations with Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould or Health Minister Jane Philpott and telephone calls to those sitting on the fence or showing signs of shifting sides.

Eyolfson said it was Philpott who personally made the case to him why the government chose to keep the question of advance requests out of the bill, even though it meant ignoring a major recommendation from the special joint committee the Liberals struck to provide input.

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CHIEF WHIP

Andrew Leslie, the chief government whip, said not only did he have to keep track of whether Liberal MPs were close enough to make it to the House of Commons for a vote on short notice, he also had to gauge how they were feeling and thinking on any given day, never certain until each MP voted.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau speaks during the annual Press Gallery Dinner. ALL PHOTOS THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau jokes on stage.

Tom Mulcair literally dropped the mic. Literally.

POLITICAL COMEDY

Leaders crack wise at Press Gallery dinner

Federal party leaders put down their swords to celebrate those who wield the pens and microphones Saturday night.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, interim Opposition Conservative Leader Rona Ambrose and NDP Leader Tom Mulcair all spoke at a dinner honouring 150 years of the parliamentary press gallery.

None missed an opportunity for digs at themselves, each other and the reporters they gathered to celebrate.

And neither did Trudeau's wife, Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau.

In reference to recent coverage that she needs more staff, she called four members of Trudeau's inner circle to the stage at the Museum of History and had them unveil a yoga mat.

She then balanced herself on her arms, legs up in the air, telling her husband that was how it was done — a dig at a photo of him doing a similar move that's been widely circulated online.

> **I will miss his leadership, his good advice. I will not miss the wedgies.** Justin Trudeau, on Barack Obama

Justin Trudeau also poked fun at another political counterpart — U.S. President Barack Obama.

At the recent White House Correspondents Dinner, Obama had cracked a joke at Trudeau's expense.

"In fact, somebody recently said to me, Mr. President, you are so yesterday; Justin Trudeau has completely replaced you — he's so handsome, he's so charming, he's the future. And I said, Justin, just give it a rest."

Trudeau's response: He'll miss him.

"There's been a lot of talk about my bromance with President Barack Obama, how I look up to him, how I have so much to learn from him. And I'm like, Barack, you are absolutely right. Thank you for pointing it out, again."

"I will miss his leadership, his good advice. I will not miss the wedgies."

Another leader whose departure was noted: former prime minister Stephen Harper.

Ambrose, currently leading the Tories, made several jokes at his expense, noting his aversion to the press — Harper never attended the dinner while serving as prime minister.

In offering up suggestions for new slogans for the current Conservatives, Ambrose suggested "the bad man is gone."

On his way out — and choosing to hold nothing back — was Mulcair, who declared he was different than the others because he no longer cares.

After a speech laden with hits at pollsters, various media outlets and himself, he drew to a close.

"I have a lot more here but I was just informed in Edmonton that I have to go," he said.

He then dropped a microphone on the stage and declared "Mulcair out."

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GOOD CAUSE

Stuntman wants to help Fort Mac by fighting fire with fire

Dennis Pettigrew is raising money for the victims of the Fort McMurray fires by riding through fire. AARON CHATHA/METRO

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Stuntman Dennis Pettigrew wants to help the people of Fort McMurray the only way he knows how: by riding through a wall of fire on his motorcycle.

He's already broken the world record for longest run through a wall of fire 17 times, so he's fairly confident he can break it once again.

His biggest hurdle right now isn't the searing hot flames though; it's the liability and insurance companies.

"Any time a person does a stunt, he risks (his) life," Pettigrew said. "Otherwise, it wouldn't be a stunt."

But that has insurance companies scared. Pettigrew is paying a premium for insurance. It also means it's hard to get sponsors and donations, even if he's doing it for a good cause.

"We don't go to see something work, we go to see it mess up," he laughed. "It's all good. I love p—ing them off by not messing up."

Pettigrew's solution to this is to ask anyone donating to give directly to the Red Cross. No money will touch his hands, and he'll just go on good faith the money was donated in exchange for a sticker or signage during the stunt. He hopes this will prevent companies from being liable in the event something goes wrong, and gives them time to donate ahead of his stunt date in September.

Pettigrew is constructing the new wall — it will be eight feet wide by eight feet tall and 400 feet long — that's longer than a football stadium.

He'll have a fire suit on and his bike on an alternative fuel.

Pettigrew's love of stunts began with a drunken dare over a bonfire, with a sleeping Evel Knievel nearby. Since then, he's hoped to use his skills to help people.

"When you look at me, I'm not the type of guy you want your daughter to bring home," he said. "If we can change how people feel about us, what we're like and what we do, that's a good thing, too. Is it selfish? Yeah, in part. But it helps both sides."

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Abdul Rahman Ismail, an Iraqi soldier who has been targeted by Daesh extremists, is reunited with his family after they fled their town. KHALID MOHAMMED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Daesh stronghold secured

MIDDLE EAST

Extremists losing grasp in Iraq, Syria

Iraqi forces secured the southern edge of Daesh's stronghold of Fallujah on Sunday, two weeks after the launch of an operation to recapture the city, the Iraqi special forces commander overseeing the operation said.

Iraqi special forces, also known as its counterterrorism forces, have secured the largely agricultural southern neighbourhood of Naymiyah under cover of U.S.-led coalition airstrikes, Lt. Gen. Abdel Wahab al-Saadi said. Special forces are now poised to enter the main city, al-Saadi said.

The Fallujah operation coincides with a twin offensive on Daesh-strongholds in neighbouring Syria. Syrian Kurdish forces are advancing on Manbij, a Daesh-held city controlling the supply route between the Turkish border and the town of Raqqa, the militants' de facto capital. At the same time, Syrian government troops are advancing on Raqqa from the south.

The slow-moving Iraqi operation was announced in May. An array of troops including Iraqi military divisions, the federal police and the largely Shiite militia groups, known as the Popular Mobilization Forces, had cleared Daesh from the majority of Fallujah's suburbs.

On Monday, Iraq's elite special forces began pushing into the city centre, but they have faced stiff resistance as Fallujah has been under Daesh control for more than two years, and the militants have been able to erect complex defences.

Tall dirt berms dot the dusty fields to the city's south. A single column of counterterrorism Humvees snaked up toward a row of low lying houses that mark the beginning of the main city. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Fire sets off explosions at Sri Lanka army camp

A fire set off explosions at an army camp near Sri Lanka's capital Sunday evening, killing a soldier and injuring another, officials said. A military spokesman said personnel were putting out the fire. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Peruvians vote

Peruvians chose between two conservative candidates in a presidential election Sunday, with exit polls suggesting a former World Bank economist would win over the daughter of ex-president Alberto Fujimori. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EVACUATION

Challenges remain in California brush fire

Authorities cautiously lifted some evacuation orders, but they warned serious challenges remained Sunday as crews in jagged terrain protected homes and worked to stop the progress of a brush fire that torched the populated hills northwest of Los Angeles.

Firefighters took advantage of cooler temperatures and calmer winds as aircraft made water drops along the eastern and southern edges of the blaze, which was held to just over 500 acres, Los Angeles County Deputy Fire Chief John Tripp said.

He said it was "our No. 1 priority to get those two flanks contained," adding that the fire was hung up on the mid-slope of steep canyons, making a direct attack difficult.

"The fire is on the side of a mountain, it's not on any road, and we are trying to get firefighters up there," Tripp said at a morning news conference. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Some 5,000 people were evacuated from the brush fire near Los Angeles, in the upscale city of Calabasas. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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Robots designed to satisfy sexual desires are close to transcending fantasy to become reality thanks to rapid advancements in artificial intelligence, computing that allows machines to mimic human affects and high-tech sensors and materials.

The technology has so far yet to cross the "uncanny valley" — the wide gulf from creepy to sexy sparked by almost-but-not-quite real humanoid robots.

They're essentially rubber bodies with motors and some software; more like the love doll Bianca from Lars and The Real Girl than emotionally intelligent gynoid Ava from Ex Machina.

But sex robots are already raising ethical, legal and moral questions of consent, sexism, human biases and what our desire for them says about human psychology.

The debate over them highlights one of the more controversial aspects of the increasingly social nature of our interactions with robots as they move from factories into our homes and someday, our bedrooms.

"How we treat robots — it's a mirror of our own psychology in a way," said Kate Darling, an expert in robot ethics at MIT's Media Lab.

Darling is fascinated by our strange desire to anthropomorphize, or attribute human agency to machines, and engage with them in a social way. She studies human empathy for robots through the lens of violence toward them.

"The interesting thing is not the robots, it's how robots reveal things about our own behaviour and psychology that we're only just learning — including the question of whether sex robots are going to be a healthy thing or unhealthy thing for people."

Sex robot company True Companion says thousands of people have paid upwards of $7,000 for pre-orders of Roxxxy, "the world's first sex robot," programmed to learn an owner's preferences. However, it remains unclear whether any have actually been produced.

Elsewhere in the race to be first to market, Real Doll is developing Realbotix, a high-end silicone doll with artificial intelligence. It plans to release prototypes this year with sales slated for 2017.

However, there's also an organized campaign to ban sex robots over a lack of critical examination of questions about the potential harms and inequalities exacerbated by the new sex objects.

Sinziana Gutiu, a lawyer who authored a chapter in Robot Law on ethics and sexbots called The Roboticization of Consent believes users could be alienated by rendering them less able to form human relationships and that they could erode the need for consent in male-female sex.

The lack of consent and heightened control in robots is problematic, she said, and could further objectify and dehumanize real women and children.

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Inside the Realbotix factory, where some of the world's first sex robots are being developed. ABYSS CREATIONS/PHOENIX STUDIOS VIA TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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VANCOUVER

Drawn to making a difference at work

As Michelle Reid watches Vancouver house prices soar while preparing for the arrival of her first baby, she sometimes kicks herself for not buying property 10 years ago.

But Reid says she can tough it out financially because she has a job where she's making a difference, which some Vancouver businesses are using to entice workers to the city with a high cost of living.

"There are a couple of things we're going to have to give up, but I don't feel unhappy for it," said Reid.

Reid, 40, works for Mills Office Productivity and oversees the company's environmental and social initiatives. She said she never suspected office supplies would be the path to her passion, adding with a laugh, it's "not the sexiest industry."

Michelle Reid of Mills Office Productivity in her company's Vancouver warehouse Friday. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Companies will be recruiting at a Vancouver career fair on Thursday called Startup City: Impact. Businesses at the fair want candidates who might otherwise be considering positions in less costly cities, said Keith Ippel, CEO of Spring Activator, which is co-ordinating the fair among a week of business-support events.

Vancouver as an unaffordable brand has spread across Canada, said Sean Elbe, with the Vancouver Economic Commission. He was at the University of Waterloo in Ontario last week promoting ways for employers to counter recruiting challenges.

"Companies are moving away from simply having a ping pong table and beer Fridays, and really thinking about how they can help their employees make a real impact, not just in their company but in the world," Elbe said.

One company is offering new hires the deposit on a Tesla electric car, he said, while another allows unlimited vacation time.

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THE RULES: WEDDINGS

As the summer-wedding wave prepares to crest, it's time to write down the most important of the many unwritten rules meant to ensure that this sexist, outdated, tacky tradition goes off as well as can be hoped for.

As June unfolds, and another batch of blushing brides and grooms pursue their hopelessly romantic, and also hopeless, dream of a perfect wedding, herewith are a few guest-etiquette basics. As always, the point is to be considerate, and this goes double for people who are getting married. For the attendees, keep in mind this is the one time normal, well-adjusted people are allowed to play out their dumbest, most outdated, sexist, tasteless, delusional fantasies. So take a deep breath, shut down your judgmental cortex — and let them go nuts.

Travel and accommodation. If the ceremony is taking place in the couple's hometown, it's up to you to get yourself there whether you live next door or on another continent. If it's a "destination wedding" set in an exotic location far from anyone's home, and if the couple (or their parents) are filthy rich, you might reasonably expect to be put up at the destination's resort, or ashram or mountain aerie. Alas, it's more common these days for guests to pay their own way, so if you can't afford it, do not feel obliged to go. Whether you want to honestly state your reasons or concoct a tactful (i.e., believable) excuse is up to you. And, though you may resent their de facto exclusion of less wealthy guests such as yourself, proper etiquette dictates you must still send a gift.

What to wear. If the bride is wearing virginal white, and you want to appear even more virginal, by all means show up in a long white gown. But it's more considerate to let her have her day, however false the advertising might be. If you wear a fancy dress, and you want to be extra considerate, find out what colour the bridesmaids are wearing so you can avoid that hue, too. If you're at all confused about the dress code, or your hosts are from a vastly different culture than your own, simply ask ahead of time what kind of attire is appropriate. Otherwise, a simple dress, summer suit or crisp shirt should be fine.

As every moviegoer knows, people are constantly having sex at weddings.

Speeches. If you're giving a speech, try not to be too drunk. And please do not tell "amusing" stories about the bride or groom's sexual history. Or anyone else's for that matter. If you're being subjected to endless speeches, drink up and shut up. Heckling is strictly verboten at weddings, no matter how boring or offensive the speechifiers may be.

Sit where you're told. Studies (mine) show that 47 per cent of wedding guests are dissatisfied with where they're sitting. In 99 per cent of cases, however, the seating plan is created without any conscious agenda to insult you personally. Unless you're eating off a crate in the kitchen with the household pets, suck it up.

Gifts. The basic rule is that you have up to a year to produce a gift — which is handy if you're certain the couple won't last that long. As for money versus actually bought-and-wrapped presents, see the advice at the top: It's their rodeo, their rules — just go with it.

Food. A vegetarian option is pretty much de rigueur these days. But if you're vegan with gluten allergies or any other moral or gut-related sensitivities, you might want to discreetly smuggle in your own seaweed rollups or whatever you eat to stay alive.

Illicit sex. As every moviegoer knows, people are constantly having sex at weddings, usually with the wrong people, which can lead to mixing with murderers (The Godfather) or yet more marriage (Wedding Crashers). Note that this behaviour is not mandatory — unless you're a bridesmaid (kidding!). Just a little outdated, sexist, tasteless humour to get you in the mood for your next nuptial event.

Need advice?
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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

Staying in touch after your friends move to Planet Baby

More than ever before, friends are people in faraway places.

Not exclusively, maybe not even perpetually (the older I get, the more stories I hear of people moving "home," as if to underline that building a life on your own can eventually strain).

Some of my beloved friends remain overseas, or over the Rockies. And yet I've never felt so distant as when they become pregnant.

Single or married women of my ilk carry on much the same, no matter where we live. We work, we date, we run marathons or join road-bike racing teams, we move for a new job or get married. We inch forward in our careers or start new ones, go on holidays — even buy a home.

That — affording a house — is treated like a miracle, but of course it has nothing on creating a life. And as a never-pregnant, never-nursing, never-rearing woman, I simply can't relate.

One pregnant friend living in Geneva, weeks from her due date, props her body sideways on Skype to show me her belly — stretched and round, the only visual cue I've had to all that is about to change her life, and has already changed her body.

Another friend in B.C. is unexpectedly pregnant — carrying a child who'll be among the first cohort of failed-app babies, born of the dubious claim that there's an app even for birth control. Already, she's undergone a kaleidoscope of emotions for which I have no reference, along with physical changes: the nausea, fatigue, tenderness. Both friends will give birth and become mothers, and I will be cheering them on without any sense of the right words to say.

The worst part isn't wanting to relate, though, it's wanting to be useful. To babysit so your friend can grab a shower or something similarly self-indulgent. To swing by for a chat so they don't feel isolated. To experience a bit of their life, so they don't have to explain everything.

I have a niece and nephew in another city, so I already know the pain of missing out on a childhood. But my brother is older, and I almost expect him to chart territory I haven't yet, to be in a way unrelatable because he's up ahead.

Friendships, on the other hand, are in part built on sharing key life moments. It's never a perfect, parallel trajectory, but it's often close enough. Not so, anymore. Not now.

There's no solution to all this. The pain of distance can't always be ameliorated. You can't always be the friend you want to be. That's just the reality of babies in faraway places.

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Getting girls excited about tech

EDUCATION

Randi Zuckerberg hopes to pique interest with kids' show Dot

Megan Haynes
For Metro Canada

It's no secret that there aren't a lot of women participating in the science, tech, engineering and math (STEM) trades. But a new series on CBC set to air this fall hopes to encourage more girls to take an interest.

Based on the book by Randi Zuckerberg, Dot follows the adventures of the eponymous character, a little girl obsessed with technology.

Zuckerberg comes by her love of tech honestly: she was an early employee at Facebook (yes, she's Mark's sister), before founding her own marketing and media firm (she also did a quick detour to Broadway). We caught up with her to chat about what's keeping women out of STEM, and how a kids' show can help change that.

There seems to be a lot of vitriol targeted against women online, especially those who are vocal or active in the STEM space – what do you believe drives that negativity?

I think anytime you have only a few people in a space, they have giant bullseyes on them. So one thing we can do is up the numbers of women who are in tech to diffuse the focus away from the small number of women that are very prominent.

Do you think digital bullying has stymied female participation in the STEM field?

Digital bullying has had a huge impact, which is why I've spoken out against anonymity online. Now, of course there are always situations where people have to be anonymous online. But I think generally people who hide behind anonymity say cruel and terrible things that they would never say if they looked someone in the eye or if they had their real name or image attached to it.

We need to start encouraging more sites to (use) real-name identity. All the studies show people behave better when they're accountable for what they say.

The Prime Minister's wife, Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau said she needed more help as a mother and a public figure — and there was a lot of anger directed at her. When it comes to the tech space, do women get punished when they ask for help?

Well bravo to her! Nobody does anything in this world without a lot of help. Not CEOs or parents. There is a double edge sword: there's a lot of pressure on women to be the perfect mom, and great at business. But we need more women out there who are saying "I want to do it all, and I need help to do it all."

Taking you back to Dot, how will a children's show help change the conversation?

A lot of studies I've read show that by age seven or eight we start to lose girls in STEM fields. At that point, they've learned society says girls don't go into those fields. That boys have years of experience building things.

Media and pop culture play a very powerful role in changing the conversation. It starts with getting young girls excited and interested in tech and not losing them to another direction. In the series, there's a lot of powerful women. Dot is this funky, energetic, crazy entrepreneurial spirit. Her mom is an entrepreneur who is teaching Dot to use a 3D printer. Her mom is really techy, and you see her involved with Dot, but also with her own business.

Going off the screen, one of the things that drew me to this project is how many women are involved in the making of this series: On the Jim Henson team, the whole project is led by women. At (Toronto-based animation studio) Industrial Brothers, I was blown away by how many directors of animation are women. I think we're walking the walk both on screen and off screen.

Randi Zuckerberg wants to change the conversation when it comes to girls and technology.

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MONEY MATTERS

Don't leave household money management up to one person

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada

If you're the only person in your house responsible for maintaining the family budget and managing the money, you're not doing yourself or your partner any favours.

Yes, being in control feels good. Yes, knowing that things will get done when they are supposed to makes it easier to sleep at night.

But...

What if you got sick and couldn't manage the money anymore? What if you died?

Would that be the best time for your mate to be learning everything you did and how it has to be done? Doesn't it make more sense for your pal to get involved in the family finances while you're able to guide and encourage?

While you may think your filing system is intuitive because you've gone to great pains to organize it and put things in a logical order, the first time your partner looks at it they'll be lost.

Create a list of what's what and where it is so that there is a road map your honey can follow. There's a good chance that you're counting on your awesome memory for a lot of what you do. Putting it on paper will help you to identify where there may be steps you may have overlooked describing.

If you get your bills electronically, does your sweetheart have access to your email? If you go into hospital to have your herniated disc repaired, will she be able to pay the phone bill on time? Does he know where all the bank accounts are? How about the investments? Does she have a list of all the bills that are paid, automatically or manually, so she knows how much money is going out?

Just knowing where everything is won't help a bit if your partner doesn't have access, so make sure he knows what the passwords on accounts are.

If you've been paying all the bills though your personal account, this is a good time to set up a joint account to which you both have access for household bill payments so you can share a password. Then you can (and you should) keep your personal information private.

While you're going over your system, take some time to explain why you do the things you do. Just saying, "do it this way" doesn't give buddy any insight into why your system works and he may be tempted to mess with it. So explain yourself.

"We have our chequing account at this bank because it's really convenient for deposits and cash withdrawals and we don't end up paying extra ABM fees. We keep our savings here because they pay more interest than our other bank does."

Or...

"We make the minimum payment on this credit card on the 15th, five days before it's due so we're sure it goes through. At the end of the month, assuming there are no surprises, we put an additional $200 against this card to pay down the balance."

An explanation will go a long way to preserving the system you've worked so hard to create.

For more money advice, visit Gail's website at gailvazoxlade.com

YOU CAN DO THIS PLUMBER

'A passion for fixing things'

WHY I LIKE MY JOB

Michael Yuffa, licensed plumber and owner of WaterWorks in Toronto, Ont.

My advice to younger folks who may feel stuck or don't know what to do with their careers? Take the plunge and try out a profession in mechanical techniques. As a teenager, I enjoyed tinkering with and repairing mechanical devices, so it seemed like a natural step for me to pursue an apprenticeship in plumbing. After obtaining my master plumber licence, I began individually servicing water systems, fixtures, boilers and faucets for both residential and commercial clients.

Personally, I've noticed an abundance of opportunities for those just starting out in this trade. Having advanced to the owner of my own business, I've had the opportunity to train and mentor several young tradespeople along the way. I teach and enforce excellence in client service, which is arguably the most important aspect of the job.

I love the feeling of satisfaction after repairing or improving something for a client. I have a passion for fixing things, and my goal is to make household devices safer and easier to use. A career in plumbing was an easy, smart choice for me. After all, faucets will always be leaking...

THE BASICS: Plumber

$56,468

Median salary of licensed plumbers in Canada, with an average wage of $27.54/hour. Master plumbers, independent contractors or unionized plumbers can earn upwards of **$83,412** annually.

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The amount of growth expected in this field over the next 8 years

Data for this feature was provided by payscale.com, servicecanada.gc.ca, academycanada.com, jobbank.gc.ca and onetonline.org.

HOW TO START

Many colleges offer formal plumbing or apprenticeship programs that provide hands-on training. Programs generally last up to two years and prepare students for an apprenticeship, which typically requires 9,000 hours of paid labour before writing the formal qualification trade exam. All provinces have websites connecting existing and prospective plumbers with relevant jobs.

WHERE YOU CAN GO

Common avenues for licensed professionals include residential, commercial and industrial plumbing. This trade's bright outlook is supported by both an inflow of commercial construction projects and widespread pressure to replace dated fixtures with new, water-efficient plumbing systems. Manitoba, the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Ontario and B.C. anticipate a significant increase in job opportunities over the next 3-5 years.

NEXT CAREER STEP

Some licensed plumbers go on to manage their own contracting business, while others may qualify for work as a mechanical engineer, estimator or maintenance manager. Technicians will benefit from advanced training in computer design, layout and project management applications to meet the industry's growing demand for technical skills.

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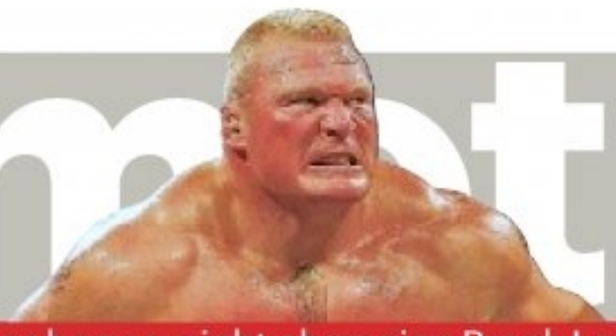

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Former heavyweight champion Brock Lesnar will return to mixed martial arts with a bout at UFC 200 in Las Vegas next month

BASEBALL

Fish rally in ninth to defeat Lincoln

SUNDAY in Shaw Park

6	5
GOLDEYES	SALTDOGS

Despite some questionable defence Sunday afternoon, the Winnipeg Goldeyes waited until the bottom of the ninth to orchestrate a dramatic comeback for a 6-5 victory over the Lincoln Saltdogs.

Maikol Gonzalez drove in the winning run to cap a three-run ninth for the Fish — the shortstop making up for his two-error sixth inning as the Goldeyes committed four total errors on the afternoon. Despite the shaky fielding, Winnipeg starter Kevin McGovern was strong in seven complete, allowing three hits and just one earned run. Closer Jailen Peguero earned the win, improving his record to 2-1 to go along with his three previous saves.

Goldeyes slugger David Rohm notched his team-leading 13th RBI of the season while going 3-for-4 on the day. Jacob Rogers stroked his team-leading fourth home run, while Casio Grider added his own solo-blast to bring the Fish within a single run in the bottom of the ninth.

The 2-1 series victory is Winnipeg's third this season, splitting their other two, as they improve to 10-7 on the year and remain in second place in the North Division behind the American Association-leading St. Paul Saints. The Goldeyes now head out for seven games over the next week as they visit Sioux City and Fargo-Moorhead. DARRIN BAUMING/FOR METRO

BOXING

Ali remembered in hometown Louisville

Muhammad Ali GETTY IMAGES

Muhammad Ali's younger brother wept, swayed to hymns and hugged anyone he could reach. He raised his hands to the sky, eyes closed, surrounded by congregants at the church where their father once worshipped.

Rahaman Ali took centre stage at the two-hour, high-energy service at King Solomon Missionary Baptist Church, sitting in a front-row pew with his wife, Caroline. The church is not far from the little pink house in Louisville's west end where the Ali brothers grew up.

It was one of several emotional remembrances Sunday as the city joined together to mourn its most celebrated son, the Louisville Lip. Later this week, politicians, celebrities and fans from around the globe are expected for a Friday memorial service that Ali planned himself with the intent of making it open to all. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Canada's men's volleyball team ends Olympic wait

Canada beat China 3-2 on Sunday to secure the final Olympic berth at a men's volleyball qualification tournament.

Canada finished fourth with a 4-3 record and clinched its first Olympic berth in 24 years when world champions Poland defeated Australia 3-0. Australia finished in fifth place with a 3-4 record. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Estrada leads Jays to victory

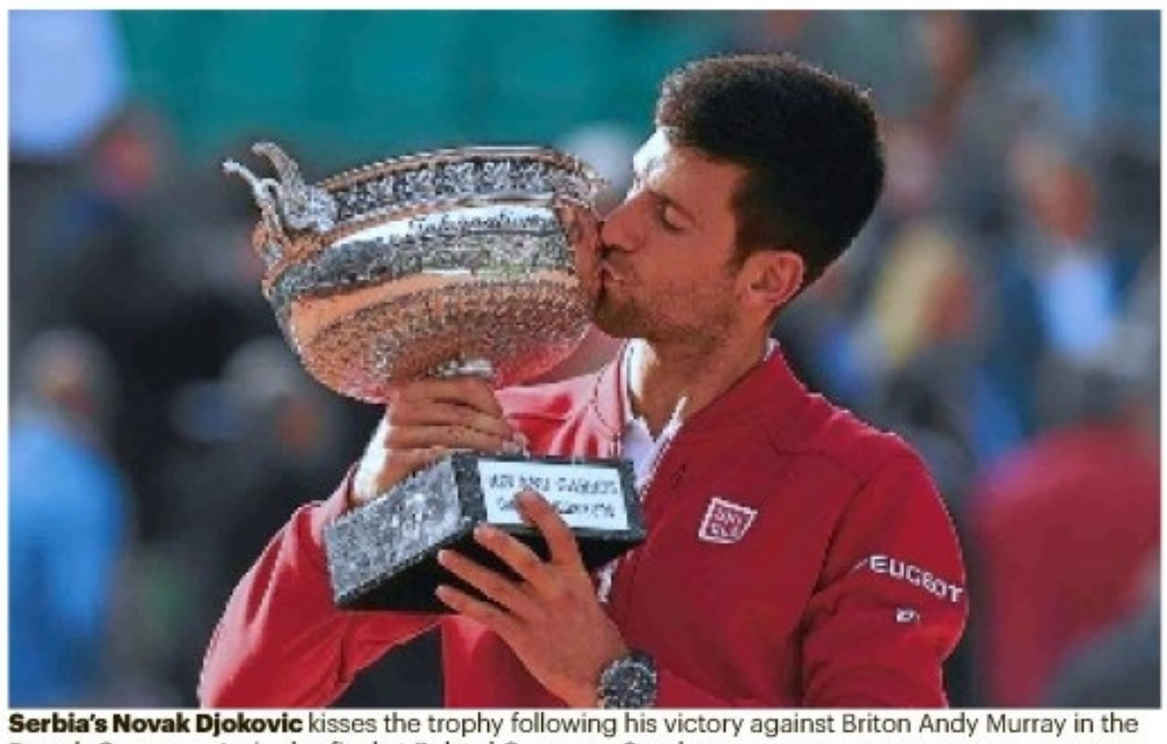
Marco Estrada took a no-hitter into the eighth inning for the third time in a year before it was broken up by Chris Young's home run with one out, and the Toronto Blue Jays held off the Boston Red Sox 5-4 on Sunday.

Jose Bautista opened the game with a home run. Edwin Encarnacion added a two-run shot, and Darwin Barney and Russell Martin each had a solo homer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Djokovic captures elusive French title

TENNIS

Beating Murray means Serb now holds all Grand Slam titles



Serbia's Novak Djokovic kisses the trophy following his victory against Briton Andy Murray in the French Open men's singles final at Roland Garros on Sunday. DENNIS GROMBKOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

A French Open champion at long last, and the first man in nearly a half-century to win four consecutive major championships, Novak Djokovic grabbed a racket and etched a heart in the very red clay that had given him such heartache in the past.

Then, when he finally was handed the La Coupe des Mousquetaires — the one trophy he truly yearned for, the one he needed to complete a career Grand Slam — Djokovic held it overhead, his eyes shut, before kissing it, exhaling and smiling broadly.

In his 12th appearance at Roland Garros, and fourth final, the top-seeded Djokovic earned that elusive title with a 3-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 victory over No. 2 Andy Murray on Sunday, buoyed by a supportive crowd that repeatedly chanted his nickname, "No-le!"

"It's really a very special moment," Djokovic said. "Perhaps the greatest moment of my career." Since losing the 2015 final in Paris, Djokovic has won 28 Grand Slam matches in a row, from Wimbledon and the U.S. Open last year, to the Australian Open in January, and now, after quite a wait, the French Open.

"This is something that is so rare in tennis," said Murray, who is now 2-8 in Grand Slam finals. "It's going to take a long time for it to happen again."

The last man to hold all four major titles simultaneously was Rod Laver in 1969, when he earned a calendar-year Grand Slam. Djokovic now can set his sights on that ultimate tennis achievement; he's the first man since Jim Courier in 1992 to get halfway.

Djokovic, a 29-year-old from Serbia, owns six titles from the Australian Open, three from Wimbledon and two from the U.S. Open for a Grand Slam total of 12. Among men, only Roger Federer (with 17), Rafael Nadal (14) and Pete Sampras (14) have more. Djokovic is also one of eight men with at least one championship at each major.

Meanwhile, Garbine Muguruza won her first Grand Slam title by beating defending champion Serena Williams 7-5, 6-4 in the women's final on Saturday, denying the American her record-equaling 22nd major trophy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CANADA STAR

Canadian tennis phenom Felix Auger-Aliassime was just one point away from his first Grand Slam on Sunday in the French Open boys singles final.

The 15-year-old from Montreal was unable to accomplish the feat, falling 1-6, 6-3, 8-6 to unseeded Geoffrey Blancaneaux of France. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Penguins captain Sidney Crosby GETTY IMAGES

STANLEY CUP FINAL

Sid contained as Sharks bite back

Sidney Crosby, for one night at least, was kept quiet.

The Pittsburgh Penguins captain and Conn Smythe Trophy candidate was held off the scoreboard in a Game 3 loss to the San Jose Sharks on Saturday night. His line was mostly neutralized by the Sharks' top shutdown defensive pair of Marc-Edouard Vlasic and Justin Braun.

"I thought they were outstanding (Saturday) night," San Jose coach Pete DeBoer said of the duo's efforts against Crosby and Pittsburgh's top line.

> **"I thought they were outstanding.**
> San Jose Sharks' coach Pete Deboer on Braun and Vlasic

Dominant in Games 1 and 2, Crosby and linemates Conor Sheary and Patric Hornqvist generated few quality scoring chances in Game 3 and were held to a combined six shots, their lowest cumulative total of the series.

The unit was held without a shot for the first 34 minutes of the game, with Hornqvist getting the first one on net with six minutes to go in the second period.

It was home-ice advantage and the subsequent benefit of last line change which allowed the Sharks to zero in on their preferred matchup with Crosby. Vlasic and Braun were on the ice against Crosby for more than 13 minutes at even-strength in Game 3, according to War-On-Ice, a hockey analytics website. That was almost double the ice-time the pair saw against the Penguins captain in Games 1 and 2, both in Pittsburgh. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RECIPE Shrimp with Bacon and Polenta

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

We like to call this meal a back pocket dinner because you can get it on the table fast since it leans on pantry staples.

Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients
- 1 cup instant polenta
- 4 1/2 cups water
- 1/4 cup bacon, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 28 oz can of tomatoes
- 1 lb frozen or fresh shrimp, peeled, deveined, washed
- 1 small handful of parsley

Directions

1. Bring water to boil and slowly pour in polenta. Lower the heat and keep stirring for 3 to 5 minutes. Then take it off the heat and cover.

2. In a large pot, warm the olive oil then add bacon and garlic. Cook for a few minutes until the bacon gets brown, but not crispy. Add the tomatoes and break them up with the back of a wooden spoon or a potato masher. Simmer for about 10 minutes.

3. Toss the shrimp, with or without tails, into the tomato mixture and stir, cooking about 3 minutes, or until shrimp are cooked.

4. Give your polenta another stir and maybe even add a splash of water to loosen it. Create a nest of polenta and then ladle your sauce-y shrimp on top. Garnish with parsley.

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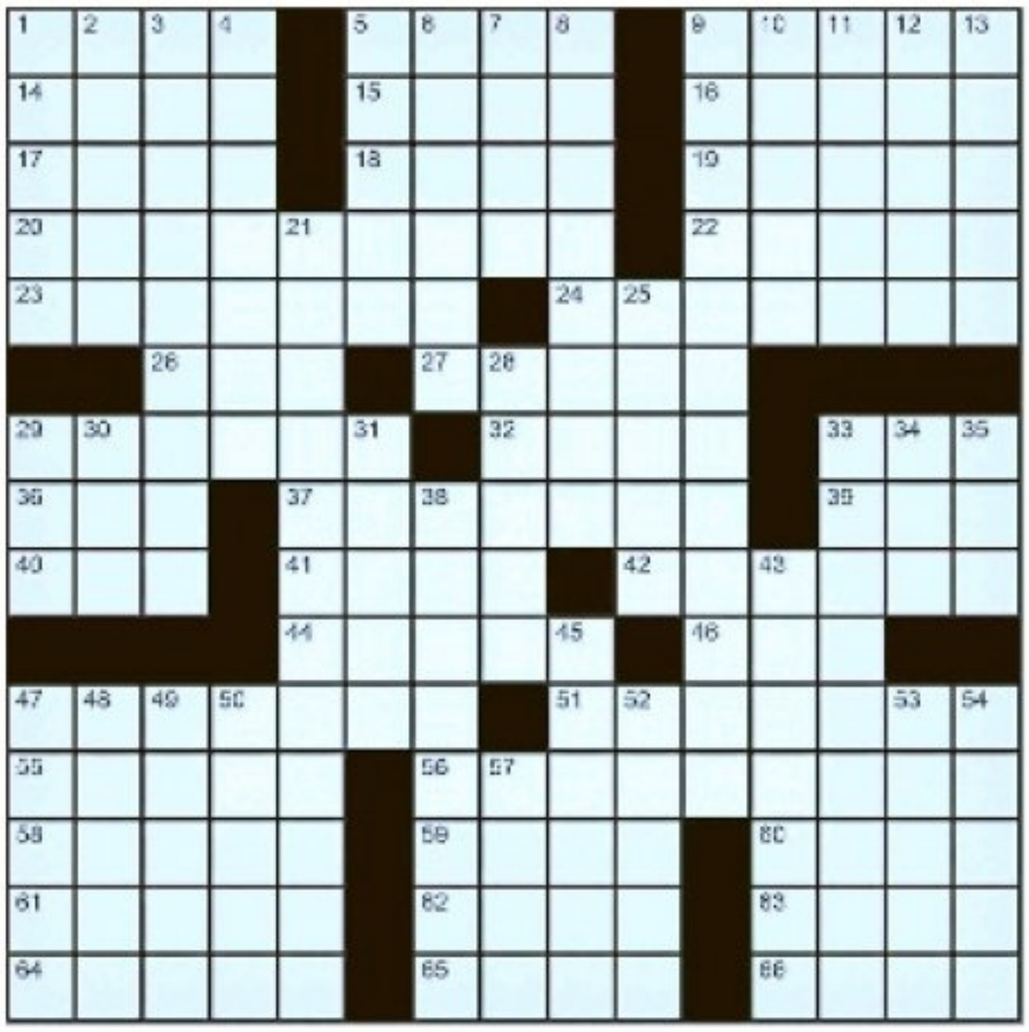

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9. Super fun time
14. "Game of Thrones" actress Ms. Headey
15. Herr's wife
16. Employee's time to eat
17. Good vs. _
18. Plummet
19. Outkast member, _ 3000
20. Getting-nearer-to-the-end sports tournament round
22. Toronto's Loma, and others
23. Procrastinated
24. Vexing
26. Coffee alternative
27. Kept
29. Flowers
32. Surrealist painter Salvador
33. 'Client' ending (Patronage)
36. Rowboat paddle
37. 'A Prairie Oasis' town of southwest Saskatchewan
39. Neighbour of Swed.
40. The first American Idol ...her initials-sharers
41. Flippant
42. No sharps/No flats music scale: letter + word
44. 1966: "Walk Away _" by The Left Banke
46. 'Mountain'-meaning prefix
47. Ignore/send away
51. Wealthy
55. Up to a certain time
56. Nut variety
58. Drop the drink
59. Finishes a cake
60. Spin
61. Wedding gown fabric
62. Old shipping weight allowance
63. United, feminine in French
64. War horse
65. "Bonanza" son
66. Vintage muscle cars

DOWN
1. Sanctify
2. Strengthen, as an embankment
3. Hanna-Barbera, and others
4. Legendary astronomer who lived from 1564 to 1642
5. _ Trinket, Elizabeth Banks' role in 'Hunger Games' movies
6. Baby _ (Types of pianos)
7. Fabulous festivity
8. "The Miracle Worker" (1962) teacher, Anne _
9. A real 'jewel' of a town in Alberta: 2 wds.
10. Belonging to Rome's moon goddess
11. _ _ it goes (There you have it)
12. Buzz off!
13. Guess Who's "_ Eyes"
21. Specialty at Canadian fast food chain Harvey's, _-_ burgers
25. Excavation extraction
28. Sun-dried brick
29. _ choy (Leafy vegetable)
30. 'Lake' in Chicoutimi
31. Bargains
33. Fun-ness/delight
34. British bathroom
35. Flub
38. Craftsperson who works with light metals
43. Carpet store purchase: 2 wds.
45. Hosts an event
47. Tidies the coffee table
48. Opinion
49. Gateway to swipe a subway pass
50. _-feuille (Type of French pastry)
52. Hops-drying kilns
53. Farm song letters
54. Hills and _
57. 'Height'-meaning prefix

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a lovely day to enjoy the company of siblings, neighbours and relatives. People will make an effort to engage with each other because everyone feels friendly and warmhearted.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Start this week off with clever moneymaking ideas. Business and commerce are favoured today, so you have the advantage. If shopping, you will love to buy beautiful things.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a great day to buy wardrobe treasures. Go shopping for something that makes you feel great. You probably will succeed in finding something.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Solitude in beautiful surroundings will delight you today. It's a gentle day, if you can get some peace and quiet. We all need time for quiet introspection and self-reflection.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a wonderful day to schmooze with others and deal with groups and organizations. You might influence someone who is artistic or creative. Or perhaps someone who is artistic will influence you.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You might develop a crush on your boss or someone in a position of authority today. Certainly, relations with authority figures will be smooth and easy today.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You long to travel for pleasure. If you can get out of town today, do so. At least visit museums, art galleries and places that inspire you.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Keep your pockets open because gifts, goodies and the wealth and assets of others can benefit you. If someone offers you something, just say, "Thank you!"

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is an excellent day to enlist the help of others and to work jointly with a partner or close friend. People feel very warm and loving to each other.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Expect a raise or at least praise at work today, because others are impressed with you. Don't be afraid to ask for help.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Romance, love affairs, vacations and playful times are tops on the menu for you today. This is a fun-loving, pleasant day!

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You will enjoy doing something to make your home look more attractive. This is also a good day to explore real estate possibilities.

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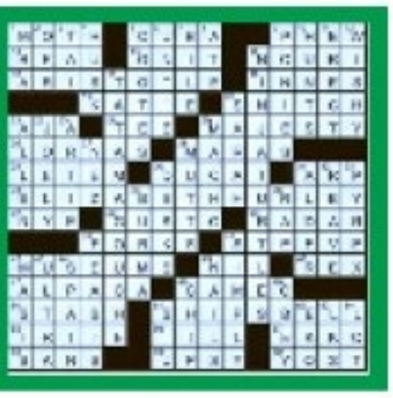

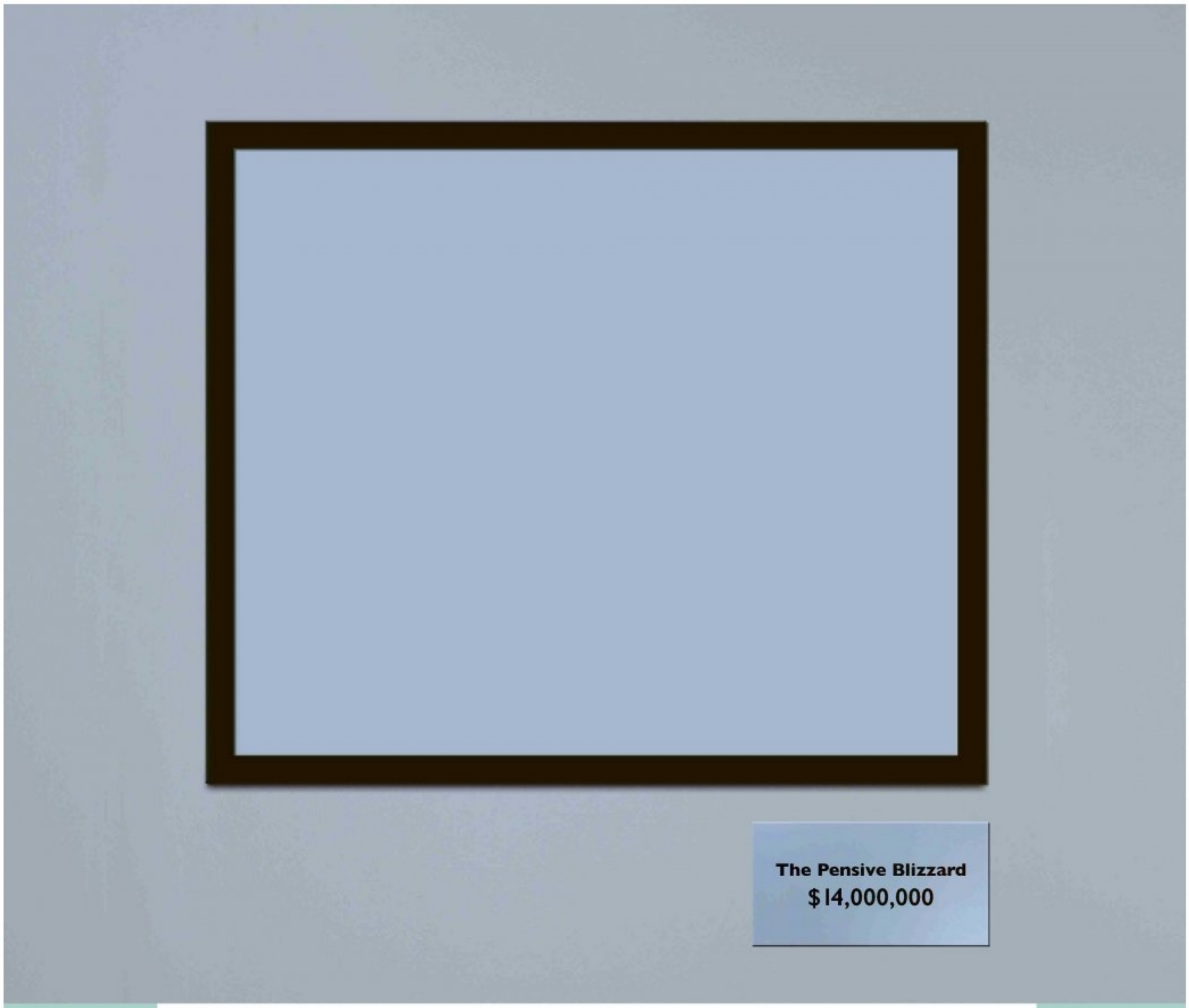

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